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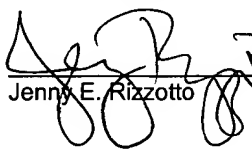
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Dear Sir:

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The following is in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, in the case referenced above. Reconsideration of the application in view of the comments below is requested.

**Remarks**

The office action referenced above imposed a two way restriction requirement on pending claims 1-21.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, and methods of treating epilepsy as a species, for further examination. Claims 1-8, 10, 12-15 and 17-21 of the elected group read on the elected species. No amendment to inventorship is required by any of the above elections. For the reasons that follow, applicants make these elections with traverse.